

## MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION July 9, 2014

The November meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 9 in the Board Room of the Maryland Department of Transportation. The following members were present:

Chairman Sudhir Trivedi
Vice Chairman Mario VillaSanta
William Cox Jr.
Charles Deegan
Elmer Horsey
Michael Moore
Carol Petzold
Cathy Riley
Gary Simpson
Greg Snook
Micah Watson
MDOT Staff Ian Beam

Chairman Sudhir Trivedi called the meeting to order at 10:37AM. Mr. Beam was then asked by Mr. Trivedi to introduce any dedication requests. Mr. Beam stated that there were no requests completed for submission for the Commission's review and recommendation at this time, as SHA had found a conflict with a proposed location during the preliminary review. [NOTE: THIS DEDICATION IS NOW REVIEWED AND COMPLETE AND IS ON THE 8/6/14 AGENDA]

Mr. VillaSanta stated that he would like to see the Commission resume their previous schedule of representing the Department at various openings and ribbon cuttings, such as the 2008 opening of the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge span, etc. Mr. VillaSanta, along with Mr. Cox voiced the opinion that they would like to see the former annual legislative dinner/meeting resumed. A further discussion among the Commissioners then formed around the topic of additional tasking and potential responsibilities for the Commission. In summary, Mr. Moore stated that in his opinion that the Commission was being underutilized and would better serve the Department by being more engaged in discussing transportation matters related to Maryland with the Secretary and administration as stated in §2-204-205 of the Maryland Transportation Article. This opinion was echoed by the other members of the Commission. Ms. Petzold then requested that staff furnish a copy of the article as well as supporting documentation in support of the Commission's desire for additional responsibilities from the Administration. [NOTE: AVAILABLE ON THE HANDOUT TABLE AS REQUESTED]

Hearing no other items of business, the Commission adjourned at 11:27AM until August 6, 2014 at 10:30AM.